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**From:** Russo, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Fri 8/14/2015 2:22:25 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Cannot get into remote network

We are back in and up and running now. Drinking a diet coke and eating lots of chocolate!

Thanks!

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**From:** Distefano, Nichole  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 8:14 PM  
**To:** Russo, Rebecca  
**Cc:** Higuchi, Dean; Maier, Brent; Smith, Paula; Levine, Carolyn  
**Subject:** Re: Cannot get into remote network

Adding Carolyn in case she has the ability to help.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 13, 2015, at 10:11 PM, Russo, Rebecca <[Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi all,

I just came home and planned to do tonight's release here, but the remote log in is down.  
And I can't do the release from my phone.

Would it be possible for Region 9 to notify my congressionals along with theirs tonight? If not, I'll head back to the office.

Included below are my congressional distribution list and my I-just-notified list.

Please let me know if you can help. And maybe I can notify yours if we have another all-nighter.

Thanks,

Rebecca

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Russo, Rebecca" <[Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** August 12, 2015 at 11:59:00 PM MDT  
**To:** "McGrath, Shaun" <[McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov](mailto:McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov)>, "Card, Joan" <[Card.Joan@epa.gov](mailto:Card.Joan@epa.gov)>, "Smith, Paula" <[Smith.Paula@epa.gov](mailto:Smith.Paula@epa.gov)>, "Myers, Craig" <[Myers.Craig@epa.gov](mailto:Myers.Craig@epa.gov)>, "Mylott, Richard" <[Mylott.Richard@epa.gov](mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov)>, "Peterson, Cynthia" <[Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov](mailto:Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov)>, "McClain-Vanderpool, Lissa" <[Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov](mailto:Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov)>, "Ostrander, David" <[Ostrander.David@epa.gov](mailto:Ostrander.David@epa.gov)>, "Way, Steven" <[way.steven@epa.gov](mailto:way.steven@epa.gov)>, "Gray, David" <[gray.david@epa.gov](mailto:gray.david@epa.gov)>, "Maier, Brent" <[Maier.Brent@epa.gov](mailto:Maier.Brent@epa.gov)>, "Higuchi, Dean" <[Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov](mailto:Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov)>, "Zito, Kelly" <[ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV](mailto:ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV)>, "Distefano, Nichole" <[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov](mailto:DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov)>, "Levine, Carolyn" <[Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov)>, "Snyder, Raquel" <[Snyder.Raquel@epa.gov](mailto:Snyder.Raquel@epa.gov)>, "Janifer, Pamela" <[Janifer.Pamela@epa.gov](mailto:Janifer.Pamela@epa.gov)>, "'R8\_documentation\_unit\_leader@epa.gov'" <['R8\\_documentation\\_unit\\_leader@epa.gov](mailto:'R8_documentation_unit_leader@epa.gov)'>  
**Subject: FW: Water Quality Sample Results**

Region 8 Congressionals have been notified.

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**From:** Russo, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:58 PM  
**Subject:** Water Quality Sample Results

Hi all,

Please find below an update on water quality samples for August 12, 2015.

To assess the impacts of the release at the Gold King Mine near Silverton, Colorado, water quality samples were collected at numerous intervals beginning on Aug. 5, 2015. Samples were taken prior to the plume's arrival to establish a baseline for water quality comparisons. Each surface water sample was analyzed for 24 metals, including arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury.

Analysis now shows that water quality for the Animas River from the Silverton, Colo. area to the Durango municipal water intake has returned to pre-event water quality levels. These results are based on validated sampling data collected from Aug. 5 to Aug. 9, 2015.

EPA has shared this data with state, local and tribal officials in Colorado to assist them in their decisions regarding the on-going use of water resources. EPA plans to continue to monitor, analyze and share data for downstream river segments as it becomes available.

The data tables can be found on our website:

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/epa-statement-colorado-data-gold-king-mine-release>

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